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Canajoharie, NY

VIOLATIONS ISSUED TO: Edgeco Environmental, Inc.

136 Columbia Street Cohoes, NY 12047

Inspection Date: 06/24/2014 **Violation Status: Issued**

Violation Issued: 07/09/2014 **Created By: Louis Carrock**

56-8.5.C Waste Clean-Up Procedures - Frequency for Dust or Accumulations of dust or debris shall be cleaned off all surfaces on a daily basis

using HEPA-vacuum or wet-cleaning methods or both. Debris

Inspector's Observations:

ACM dust and debris not cleaned off all surfaces on a daily basis as required by this Section. ACM debris observed on the ground near wrapped pipes and also on the surfaces of the lifts.

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The regulated abatement work area, holding area, waste trailer and hardtop dumpster areas must be kept free of uncontainerized asbestos waste/debris at all 56-8.5.E Waste Clean-Up Procedures - Waste Housekeeping

The regulated waste area was not kept free of uncontainerized asbestos Inspector's Observations:

waste/debris at all times as required by this section.

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On 6/20/2014, DOL - ACB Albany District received a complaint regarding illegal scrapping and a possible asbestos disturbance at the former Beechnut Factory in Canajoharie. Jason Pensabene, ACB - Albany, forwarded the complaint via email. Mr. Pensabene previously responded to a similar complaint in February 2014 so along with the complaint Jason also sent a copy of his original complaint report from his visit to the site on 2/10/14.

The complainant, Paul Pinkans with Edgeco Environmental Inc., said his men heard workers on the other side of a wall and noticed building materials missing after returning to work on Mondays. They never made contact with the other workers but they did observe evidence of scrapping of building materials at the former factory. I made contact with Mr. Pinkans and asked if he could have one of his workers show us the area where they believe the illegal asbestos disturbances took place. He said he would have his site supervisor, John Spak, show us the areas of concern.

On 6/24/2014, Rick Heffernan (SR. Safety & Health Inspector - ACB), Elizabeth Kirkland (IH - ACB) and myself met with John Spak at the former Beechnut factory. Upon entry we observed several lengths of wrapped pipes lying on the ground in the warehouse section of the vacant plant. Mr. Spak said the wrapped pipes came from Edgeco abatement activities and were in an active regulated work area. More specifically 56-11.8; wrap and cut of intact pipe, no negative pressure enclosure required just barrier tape delineated the RWA. Mr. Spak said the wrapped pipes had not yet been placed into a lined dumpster. We observed some suspect debris in and around the wrapped pipes as well as on some of the Edgeco equipment. A sample of the debris was taken from one of the lifts used by Edgeco. Mr. Spak claimed other scrappers were entering their RWA's and causing the disturbances that we observed. We asked if he saw any other company vehicles or had any company names for us to work with but he said no they would come after hours or weekends and they never made contact with each other. He then led us to an area of the complex where we observed a large pile of electrical wire insulation that had been stripped and left as debris. We took 3 samples of the cloth wire insulation and some photos. No other ACM debris was observed during this visit. Lab analysis determined the cloth wire insulation tested negative for asbestos. See results in case file. I contacted Cliff Dorrough, Codes Officer for the Village of Canajoharie and told him about the alleged ACM disturbances taking place at the former factory. Mr. Dorrough said he had access to the whole complex and welcomed a joint visit to see if we could locate any other asbestos disturbance in sections of the complex that we did not walk through on 6/24/2014.

On 7/1/2014, I met with Canajoharie Chief of Police Bryan Macfadden, Canajoharie Codes Officer Cliff Dorrough and the Canajoharie Mayor Francis Avery for a walk through of the administration section of the complex. We walked nearly the entire administration section of the complex and it was clear that someone had stripped the building of most of the electrical copper wiring. I did not observe any ACM disturbance during this walk through. The stripped wire had been pulled from the panel boxes and through the metal conduit so no asbestos pipe insulation had been disturbed in this section.

I made contact with Bryon Bowers, the owner of AECC, the project monitoring company for the notified abatement project. We discussed the debris I observed on 6/24/2014 and the need for a site assessment and re-opening of the variance for a proper clean-up. Mr. Bowers said he would contact ESU and begin the process.

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I was contacted by the owner of the complex Todd Clifford who stated that there were contractual discrepancies between himself and Edgeco and he wanted to bring in another company to conduct the recently discovered incidental disturbance. I told Mr. Clifford that Edgeco still had equipment at the site that needed cleaning before it could be removed. I told him AECC had applied for an amendment to the original site specific variance to clean the equipment and incidental disturbance. I said Edgeco had to comply with the conditions of the variance before they were allowed to remove their equipment from the site.

Due to the observed disturbance of PACM in and around Edgeco's RWA, Edgeco will be cited under Section 56-8.5(c) and (e) for not keeping their areas free of asbestos waste/debris at all times and not cleaning all surfaces on a daily basis. These violations were discussed with Rick Heffernan, Syracuse ACB.



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6/24/2014 - ACM debris on ground adjacent to wrapped pipes

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